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## SOVIET DRIVES HARD ON TRIESTE AREA

### Lord Nathan Arrives In Nanking

Nanking, Sept. 18. Lord Nathan, the British Minister of Civil Aviation, arrived here this afternoon by air from Hong Kong to confer with the Ministry of Communications regarding the recently concluded Sino-British air transport agreement.

With the aid of experts who came with him, Lord Nathan will work out with Chinese officials in the next few days the details of the projected new air services between China and British centres.

It was learned that British airlines plan to use services to this country with both flying boats and land planes.

Under the agreement, British aircraft may land at Kanton, Canton and Tientsin in addition to Shanghai, while Chinese airlines may carry traffic to London, Frankfurt, Geneva, Singapore, Jesselton, Labuan and Hong Kong.

Additionally, they will be allowed intermediate stops in Canada and the United States, French and Dutch air lines can regular services to this country, Reuters.

### Soong To Govern Kwangtung?

Nanking, Sept. 18. Informants said today that ex-Premier T. V. Soong will formally be confirmed as Governor of the Kwangtung Province next Tuesday at the regular Executive Yuan meeting.

Soong recently donated his entire holdings and shares in the China Development Finance Corporation as relief funds for Kuomintang members who had fallen in the war against the Japanese and Chinese Communists.

He did not reveal the worth of his shares but Chinese sources previously estimated they were worth approximately CN\$200,000,000,000.

Soong made this move after vociferous demands by the Kuomintang Party members that the Party's wealthy members contribute their riches for constructive projects.—Associated Press.

## Jap Town And Two Villages Buried

Tokyo, Sept. 18. A town and two villages were buried yesterday afternoon by landslides at Mount Akagi in Gumma prefecture, Central Honshu, the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri reported this morning.

In the town of Talo, 82 persons were killed and 113 injured when more than 100 houses were crushed under dirt and sand.

The villages of Shikishima and Akagino were virtually buried, killing a total of 100 and injuring 72; the newspaper added.

The latest report on the flood damage released by the Japanese Kyodo News Agency sets the number of dead at 772, 168 injured and 2,017 missing.

The United States Eighth Army authorities reported this morning that in Tochigi prefecture, north of Tokyo, 110 persons are dead and 1,424 missing.

Tochigi prefecture suffered the heaviest casualties next to neighbouring Gumma prefecture where 683 were killed.

Relief.

The Japanese Home Ministry today requested the United States Government for immediate emergency funds of 200,000,000 yen—US\$4,000,000 under the army conversion rate—for the rehabilitation of broken river banks.

Fears are felt for 5,000 villagers, 15 miles north of Tokyo, who were isolated by swirling waters.

Concern also was felt for some 20,000 miners in the Ashio copper mines in the Tochigi prefecture, due to landslides which cut all roads to the mines.

Agriculture and Forestry Minister Rikizo Hirano told the Diet that the floods had ruined 5,000,000 bushels of rice crops and also 10,000,000 kan (approximately 8½ pound to one kan) of sweet potato crops.

Alert.

Troops of the First Cavalry Division were placed on emergency alert today in Tokyo in anticipation that the crest of floodwaters might reach the capital.

The Japanese Government announced today—United Press and Associated Press.

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The Weather.

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## Soviet Repat. Ship Sets A Problem

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The whereabouts of the 10,000-ton Soviet reparations ship "Ilyich" remained a mystery today, with the Chinese authorities saying the ship is anchored beyond Woosung Point and Soviet sources insisting the ship is still in Vladivostok.

The Shanghai office of the Foreign Ministry reported earlier this week that the "Ilyich" arrived at Woosung Point where the Whangpoo enters the Yangtze 14 miles outside of Shanghai.

The office now states the "Ilyich" is about 10 miles beyond Woosung, just outside Chinese territorial waters.

The Chinese Government forbade the ship to enter port because it violated Chinese laws by transshipping goods from Japan to Shanghai.

The Government indicated the "Ilyich" would be detained if she came up the Whangpoo. The Shanghai authorities insisted the reparations ship which is scheduled to pick up a load of Soviet citizens on Sunday, radiated the Shanghai quarantine service two days ago whereupon the Chinese authorities said no pilot would be sent out.

Over 1,000 reparations are waiting to board the ship.

The Chinese authorities said the reparations would be welcome to go by other ships.

## U.N.O. To Discuss Soviet Drive On Greece

RUSSIAN REPLY TO MARSHALL AWAITED

Flushing Meadows, New York, Sept. 18. The Steering Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations decided last night, in spite of the Soviet and Polish opposition, that the Assembly shall discuss the United States resolution on the "threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece."

The Committee also approved a proposal to set up a special committee, on which all members of the Assembly will sit, to make recommendations to the Assembly on the report by the special committee which investigated and reported on the Palestine situation.

The Steering Committee decision to set up a committee to deal with the question of Palestine only was unanimous.

The official title of this committee is "The Ad Hoc Committee on the Palestine Question."

Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, said that he had already received several requests from organizations to be heard by the United Nations on the Palestine problem.

In its discussion, the Steering Committee made it clear that the Palestine Committee will have the status of a main committee, and will not be subordinated to any other United Nations committee.

It will be responsible only to the General Assembly.

Marshall Plan.

Russia was generally expected today to reject U.S. Secretary of State Marshall's proposal for new UNO peace machinery and to make a stubborn—but probably future—fight in defense of its full veto rights over the world security issues.

Leaders of all the UNO Assembly delegations are awaiting with keen expectation of Russia's answer to the American proposition, which calls for the creation of a special new security committee by the veto-free General Assembly.

The American delegation asked UNO Secretary General Trygve Lie last night to put the scheme on the current agenda.

The answer was scheduled to be filed by Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinski either today or in the immediate future.

Presumably the exact time of his promised speech to the General Assembly was dependent upon the receipt of fresh instructions from Moscow.

Rally.

Many of the small nation delegations appeared to be rallying to support the American plan and, while the positions of France and Britain were yet to be disclosed, diplomats indicated that they would go along with the United States.

What may prove to be a first test vote on the American moves to get around the Russian veto (as it is used on the Security Council) came last night in a meeting of the General Assembly Steering Committee.

Up for a decision was an American proposal—in line with the Marshall speech—that the assembly should consider and act upon the Greek-Balkan dispute.

Andre Gromyko, Russian committee member, argued against this proposal, contending that the assembly action would only further "aggravate" the differences between Greece and her Soviet satellites—Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania.

American delegate Warren Austin replied that if Russia wanted the Greek case struck from the Assembly's agenda, Gromyko could go before the full Assembly with his demand and "take the consequences of a vote."

When the Steering Committee voted, Russia lost a count of 19 to 2 in the efforts to prevent the assembly from considering Greece.

Approval.

The British press today approved Secretary Marshall's proposals for revision of the United Nations Charter, but expressed cautious doubt that they will lead to any improvement in keeping peace.

The Times warned: "While changes in the machinery for the settlement of disputes can improve and quicken means of conciliation, only a will to settle can make instruments of conciliation effective."

The News Chronicle said: "No democratic nation can quarrel" with General Marshall's proposals but they are "so far-reaching and will so deeply affect the future trend of international relationships—particularly between Russia and the rest of the world—that they cannot expect immediate and unqualified approval."

The immediate reaction of the Communist "Daily Worker" was the headline: "Marshall makes his attempt to wreck U.N." over the story "United States Secretary of State yesterday made his long-awaited bid to head the United Nations along the road to disaster." Reuters, United Press and Associated Press.

## China Money Market Makes A Jump

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The Central Bank of China's "open market" rate took a CN\$2,000 jump this morning with the United States dollar quoted at CN\$42,000 buying and CN\$43,000 selling.

Sterling was quoted at CN\$123,500 buying and CN\$125,500 selling, while the Hong Kong dollar was fixed at CN\$1,700 buying and CN\$1,800 selling.

The latest depreciation of the Chinese dollar, however, failed to influence the stock market where prices dropped appreciably.

Market observers attributed the slump to the renewed rumors that an American loan was imminent as a result of the Chinese Foreign Minister's talks with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, in New York.

Another factor in the market decline was reported to be due to the nervousness over the Communist threat to start disturbances in the areas south of the Yangtze River.

The United States dollar rose to 48,000 in the black market today—Reuters.

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## Bao Dai Willing To Assume Power

In a proclamation to the Viet Nam people, ex-Emperor Bao Dai yesterday officially accepted the Viet Nam delegates' request to assume power and negotiate with France for Viet Nam's independence and unity.

The former Emperor told the people that he was ready to contact the French authorities with whom "I shall examine in all objectivity the propositions which have been made to us."

The proclamation, issued to the press by Mr. Luu Duc Trung, accredited spokesman for Bao Dai, read:

Proclamation.

"People of Viet Nam! To avoid bloodshed among my compatriots, I renounced the Throne of my ancestors. Since you wished to entrust the destiny of the country to new rulers, I decided voluntarily to withdraw myself.

"I abdicated and went into exile so as to avoid being an obstacle to the new experiment which you thought would bring you happiness.

"From a foreign land where I am living, I followed at times with hope, often with sadness, the developments of the recent terrible pages of our history.

"I am well aware of all your hopes, your fears, your worries and your suffering, which forbids freedom of speech, I today hear your appeal and cries of distress. You have revealed to me the whole picture of your miseries and have rendered to me a full account of our beloved Viet Nam after two years of experience during which your rulers have exercised absolute power.

"Thus, gradually, my hopes of happiness vanished—hopes which the cunning propaganda of a new ideology caused to rise in your hearts for a moment.

"In your distress you come to me. You appeal to my authority to restore to our country, devastated by war and torn apart by internal strife, a real peace between free and equal states and an internal place for full security.

"You requested me to negotiate with France who through her highest representative in Viet Nam, High Commissioner Emile Bollaert, has precisely asked you in the broadcast from Hanoi to name the personalities who have your confidence.

"Answering your appeal, I accept the mission which you entrust to me and I am ready to contact the French authorities with whom I shall examine in all objectivity the propositions which have been made to us.

"My foremost aim is to obtain independence and unity in accordance with our aspirations and to arrive at agreements on reciprocal guarantees so as to assure the complete achievement of the ideal for which we have so valiantly struggled with fierce resistance.

"Then, I shall exert the full weight of my authority to mediate in the conflict which has put you on against the other because once our goal is attained nothing can stand in the way of a return to peace.

"The peace, fostering prosperity and security, which I shall give you shall be maintained.

"Time will calm down your passions. With all Viet Nam united, we shall rebuild our beautiful country on new foundations drawing strength from the powerful traditions of our ancestors. (ED) BAO DAI."

Ho Chi-Minh.

Meanwhile, a United Press message says the Viet Nam dispatch from Hanoi, Sept. 18, claimed today that the French authorities in Indo-China have captured and beheaded Ho Chi-Minh, Vietnamese leader.

The dispatch did not mention when and where the capture and execution occurred but claimed that the French had captured Ho Chi-Minh in a Viet Nam front area, suffering the loss of 100,000 troops.



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## Full Court Pays Tribute To Late Mr. Brutton

The esteem, in which the late Mr. George Kingston Hall Brutton was held, was demonstrated at the Supreme Court yesterday morning, when the Full Court assembled and tributes were paid to his memory by the Bench, Bar and Legal Profession.

The Full Court comprised Sir Henry Blackall (Chief Justice), Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice T. J. Connel (Additional Judge). All members of the local bar and legal profession, including the staff of Messrs. Brutton & Co., were present.

Sir Henry Blackall, addressing the gathering said: "I wish to pay a tribute to the memory of Mr. George Kingston Hall Brutton, who died in England on September 14, 1947, at the ripe age of 81 years.

"Mr. Hall Brutton, at the time of his death, was the oldest practicing solicitor in Hong Kong. He was admitted as a Solicitor in England as long ago as 1891, where he has long held a leading position in the profession.

### Esteem

"The esteem in which he was held by his brethren is perhaps best shown by the fact that he held the high office of President of the Incorporated Law Society of Hong Kong from 1930 until 1946.

"The profession has lost a very worthy member in Mr. Hall Brutton and on behalf of the Bench, I desire to express my deepest sympathy to his relatives and to his partners, Messrs. Strellott and Ng Quinn."

Following Sir Henry, Mr. Justice Williams spoke in praise of the late Mr. Hall Brutton and referred to the fact that besides being President of the Incorporated Law Society of Hong Kong from 1930 to 1946, Mr. Hall Brutton also had the distinction of being the oldest Notary Public in the Colony and held a faculty entitling him to practise as a notary public in all the Dominions and Colonies.

Mr. Justice Williams also made mention of the celebratory cases in which Mr. Hall Brutton had taken part and to his services in World War I, when he commanded a Chinese Labour Corps in France and for his work received the award of the Order of the Com. (K. W. Cheung) from the Chinese Government, an award rarely conferred on any person, particularly a foreigner.

### "His Fame"

The Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin said that as a newcomer he was not privileged to meet and to know the late Mr. Hall Brutton.

He had, of course, heard of his distinction and his fame. The record of Mr. Hall Brutton, said Mr. Griffin, was unequalled in any Colony.

Mr. Griffin took the opportunity of offering on behalf of the Bar in general, sincere regrets to the members of the firm which Mr. Hall Brutton had es-

tablished and had for so long led with distinction.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C. said: "I was privileged to know Mr. Hall Brutton for a long period of years and to enjoy his friendship.

"When I arrived in this Colony as a barrister, he was of great assistance to me professionally and I owe him much. "Mr. Hall Brutton was a practicing solicitor of outstanding ability. He combined with an acute legal brain and a full comprehension of law, the ability to marshal, analyse and sift facts in the most intricate cases."

Mr. M. K. Lo, as President of the Incorporated Law Society of Hong Kong, expressed to members of the late Mr. Hall Brutton's family and his partners, his own sympathy and condolences as well as those of the legal profession.

## Readers' Letters

### Gracie Case

Sir.—The editorial which appeared in your esteemed paper on the 17th instant, cannot but evoke commendation from those who were unfortunate to be trapped in enemy occupied territory during the Pacific conflict.

Gracie's case should particularly appeal to the Hong Kong Women's Association. His marriage to a woman who later became an enemy national should not bias his case. His plight—he did not receive favourable consideration by the British Residents Association—was also stressed by the Crown Counsel.

Nevertheless this man is today serving a sentence of eight years. Sentenced because he tried to protect his family from starvation.

Stearns' case could not be compared with Gracie's. In Europe it was not so difficult to escape as it was in China. All those unfortunate foreigners who were trapped during the war understand Gracie's difficulty. In fact one has only to look in Hong Kong at the cases whereby active collaborators are not only moving around this town freely, but received awards. Does Gracie's sentence mean that his meritorious services to his King and Country in 1914/1918 is to be squashed?

Only the women of Hong Kong can show that they appreciate his deeds to his family. In commending Gracie's noble act towards his family, I have no other reason but that of humanitarian grounds. It should not require a redefinition of the law to earn him his freedom.

JUSTICE.

## A Typhoon Baby

Tokyo, Sept. 18.

Monday's typhoon, which brought floods to wide sections of Japan this week, also gave the first name to an eight-point baby daughter of an army family—Kathleen. Kathleen, daughter of 21/Sgt. and Mrs. William Hall, of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, was born on Monday night in Tokyo's 30th General Hospital just as her typhoon namesake blew the power out temporarily, plunging the hospital into darkness.—United Press.

## Leg. Council Questioned On Internee Awards

A committee was appointed by Government on August 16, 1946, to examine the position of Government servants, Volunteers and Civil Service personnel who were interned during the Japanese occupation and to make recommendations regarding the award of salary or pay in respect of that period.

The committee submitted its report on Dec. 31, 1946, and it was referred to the Secretary of State, but a decision was deferred pending consideration of similar problems which had arisen in other occupied British territories in the Far East.

This information was revealed in a reply by Government to a question put in Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo yesterday.

### Questions

Mr. Lo asked: (a) Did Government appoint a Committee with the following terms of reference—"To examine the position of Government Servants, Volunteers and Civil Service personnel who were interned during the Japanese occupation of the Colony and to make recommendations regarding the award of salary or pay in respect of that period?" (b) When was the Committee so appointed?

(c) When did the Committee make its report to Government? (d) Will Government make a statement on the position generally and in particular with reference to the following points—(i) Whether the report has been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and if so what indication the Secretary of State has given as regards his acceptance and/or otherwise of the recommendations of the Committee? (ii) When does Government expect a final decision to be reached in this matter?

### Reply

In reply the Hon. Colonial Secretary, after confirming the appointment of the committee referred to, and transmission of its report to the Secretary of State, said: "The Secretary of State had to consider the report in the light of similar problems which had arisen in other occupied British territories in the Far East and in the light of recommendations which have been submitted by those territories.

"Although the conditions in the different territories, under which interned members of the Government service had to live, varied in many respects, the treatment to be accorded to interned and non-interned personnel is a problem common to the whole area.

The Secretary of State has recently indicated that for the above reasons it has not been possible for him to accept completely the recommendations of the Committee.

"Various modifications designed to secure a greater degree of uniformity throughout the Far Eastern Colonies are now under consideration. "It is hoped that this scheme in its new form will prove acceptable."

## Record Seizure Of Contraband

In what was estimated to be the year's biggest seizure of contraband cargo, Chief Preventive Officer MacIntyre Brown's men yesterday removed between 35 and 40 tons of unmanifested goods from the s.s. Hong Siang.

The night before Revenue officers boarded the vessel and took off a 50-ton lighter load of cargo.

Yesterday morning additional contraband found on the Hong Siang, filled with third of the cargo of another 50-ton lighter.

The goods were packed in sacks, boxes, and other cargo packing material. Chief Preventive Officer Brown said that the seizure was the biggest of the year, and that the goods were of various kinds, including opium, and other contraband.

## NAAFI Watchman Cleared Of Charge Of Fraud

Yu For, 48-year-old watchman employed by NAAFI, was acquitted on four charges of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiring with another to defraud the complainants between July 23 and Aug. 5, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Y.K. Kan appeared for the defence, and Detective Sub-Inspector MacDonald prosecuted. Giving evidence on his own behalf, defendant stated that he was engaged at a NAAFI watchman on March 29, obtaining his employment through Wong Yat-ming who introduced him to Lal Tak.

Lal Tak was at that time, also employed by NAAFI. To get his job, said accused, he had to pay Lal \$30 tea-money. A few days after he had entered into his employment he met Chu Man at the Yu Heung Tea House and, during the course of

a conversation, was asked whether he could get Chu a job as watchman. He told Chu all about his work, said defendant, and the procedure he adopted to obtain it.

**Asked For Work**  
As Chu wanted work, he went to see Lal Tak at the beginning of July.

On or about July 26, continued defendant, Yu Man, his principal tenant at 97 Ma Tau Wai Road, ground floor, and fell-villager, told him that Lal stated that there were vacancies for his friends, and that Lal would call at the house.

At 10 a.m. the following day, Lal did call and informed him that there were vacancies but that the "tea money" for each would be \$120 which he later reduced to \$100.

**Money Paid**  
Accused then went on to describe how Chu Man and Chun Lal paid him \$100. Chun Wai, Chu Song and San Yuen \$100, and Lal Hon and Chun Chi \$100, in the presence of Yu Man and Lal Tak. He asserted that he handed the money directly over to Lal Tak.

When later he found out that Lal was a fraud, declared defendant, he told the complainants that he would make restitution as he held himself morally responsible for their losses.

As they kept on pressing him for the return, and as he was not in a position to do so, he advised them to bring the matter to the Police.

Holding that there was insufficient evidence to convict, His Worship discharged accused on all counts.

H.M.S. Opussum is scheduled to pay a courtesy call to Canton from Sept. 20 to Sept. 24. The warship will be under the Command of Lieutenant-Commander C. P. Norman, DSO, DSC, RN.

It will be the first of H.M.S. ships to call at Canton except for minor landing craft. Opussum will berth off Shamien during her stay in the Kwangtung capital.

The warship is a sloop of the modified Black Swan class, and belongs to the First Escort Flotilla of the British Pacific Fleet.

H.M.S. Hart is expected back this afternoon from Formosa.

The Annual Emigration Amendment Ordinance 1947, providing for an increase in the payable by passage brokers, became law yesterday as it passed the second and third reading in Legislative Council. Council adjourned to Thursday, Oct. 2.

Mr. Ma Man-fai will be the Guest Speaker at the meeting of To H to be held this evening and his subject will be "The Legacy of Sino-British Relationships."

To H met at Talbot House, 60, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 p.m. and to the meeting this evening all interested, including ladies, are invited.

The popular Sunday evening concert of recorded music will be resumed at Talbot House on Sunday next, Sept. 21 and the programme will consist of works by Beethoven.

Mr. Keith Hardy, ZBW Broadcasting Secretary, spoke on broadcasting at the weekly meeting of the Y's Men Club at the roof garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

## Money Market

Gold again steadied yesterday and did not get below \$240.75 a toze. It had opened at \$245, and in the course of the day's fluctuation had reached \$240. At the close it was \$244.

Platinum opened at \$12.85 1/2 and closed at \$13.02 1/2. Fluctuations ranged between \$12.80 and \$13.25.

Chinese National Currency futures rose from 12 1/2 cts. to 12 3/4 cts. for CN\$1,000. Spot was quoted nominal at 12 1/2 cts. U.S. dollars had buyers at \$4.46. Sterling was a bit weaker at \$12.35. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.53.

**HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND**  
Mr. N. Garland \$400, Stanley \$200, Total \$600. Hong Kong Government contributed \$200. Grand Total \$800.

## Chinese Moslems Raid Newspaper

Peiping, Sept. 18. Infuriated Chinese Moslems today wrecked the plant of a local newspaper eating a shot on their faith—the very rare incidents of religious violence in China.

Part of an article reprinted from a Shanghai paper in the Peiping Hsin Pao said: "Who but the Mohammedans would respect the pig?"

The Mohammedans overpowered 30 policemen and caused damage estimated at US\$20,000.—United Press.

## Two Armed Robberies

Two armed robberies were reported to the Police yesterday, one in Hong Kong at 1 p.m. and the other at Kowloon City at 7.35 a.m.

In the former, four men armed with a revolver and a pair of scissors gained admittance into the third floor of 47 Lee Garden Street, occupied by Chew Lai-yip, married woman.

After binding and gagging the inmates, the intruders ransacked the place and decamped with money and property to the total value of \$912, including \$800 in cash.

According to the assistant manager of the Yiu Man Paper Dyeing Co., 142 Fau Cheung Street, ground floor, six or seven men armed with two revolvers and two daggers broke into the premises, bound and gagged the inmates, and took away \$400 in cash and clothing, jewellery and personal property valued at about \$345.

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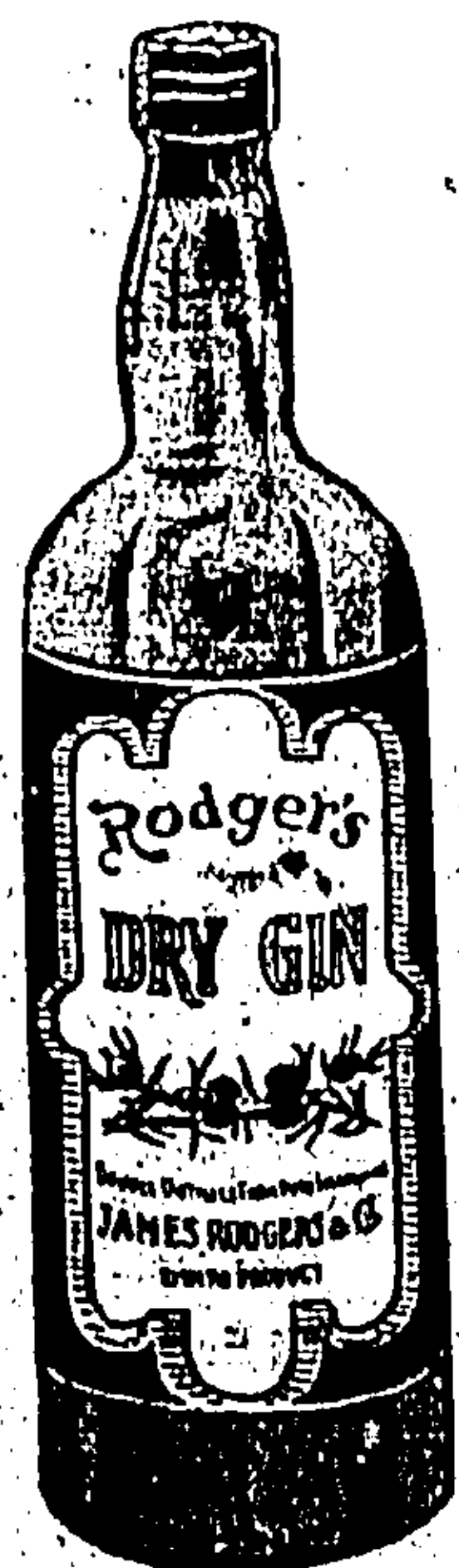
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## Scientists In Charge Of Empire Defence?

London, Sept. 17. Official quarters here tonight declined confirmation of a London evening newspaper report that the Committee of Imperial Defence—the supreme instrument of Services' direction—had drafted plans for the defence of the Empire as a unit of the atomic age.

The report, published in the "Evening Standard," suggested that the old divisions of the Services into land, sea and air might disappear and give way to what would virtually be a compact force of scientists.

Atomic force has, of course, entered into all international defence study, and a recent official White Paper made it clear that future defence would have to be related to atomic development.

Britain by now has doubtless had the benefit of the considered views of many of her experts, but nothing is known in political quarters of a cut and dried plan.—Reuter.

## Uproar In Parliament At Canberra

Canberra, Sept. 18. Opposition leader Robert Gordon Menzies presented a motion of no confidence in Prime Minister J. B. Chifley's Government yesterday.

He challenged the Government at the opening of a new session of Parliament over its policy of nationalising Australia's private trading banks, asking whether the Prime Minister to give the people an opportunity to vote on the policy.

Mr. Chifley refused to submit his proposed legislation to a referendum, maintaining that the Government under the Constitution had complete power over banking in Australia.

Uproar followed the Prime Minister's remarks. Mr. Chifley immediately adjourned the House until today.—Associated Press.

## Socialists Prefer Independence

Prague, Sept. 17. The Czechoslovak Socialists—the party of Dr. Eduard Benes, President of the Republic—today refused to join the "Socialist Unity bloc" formed last Saturday by the Communists and Social Democrats.

The party, in a statement tonight, demanded the continued cooperation of all parties within the existing Government coalition to fulfil the two-year plan and overcome the present difficulties caused by the drought.

The party is Liberal-Radical rather than Orthodox Socialist, and is the second largest party in the Constituent National Assembly, winning 55 seats at the 1946 election as compared with the Communists' 140.

The statement said: "The present difficulties cannot be mastered by discord, but by the collaboration of all parties of the People's Front (the present Government coalition). The free Republic could not continue to develop in the present close atmosphere."

The Czechoslovak Socialist Party is prepared to negotiate with all parties. Nobody should be excluded from the negotiations. "We wish to remain an independent political entity, not

## Atom Scientist's Grim Picture

London, Sept. 17. Forty-two-year-old Professor N. F. Mott, one of Britain's most brilliant atomic scientists, declared today that England could never hope to defeat Russia by herself in an atomic war. He added that his scientific colleagues and the British public would soon have to start making the decision whether to align Britain with America against Russia or to put faith in an international authority along the lines suggested in the Lilienthal report.

Prof. Mott said the only importance an alliance between Britain and America would have for Britain would be a deterrent effect great enough to prevent war to establish a Pax Americana.

"In an alliance with America, nothing that country could do would have as if war should break out against a power capable of occupying the Channel ports and equipped with atomic bombs. Fifty of these missiles launched with V-2 weapons in the present state of development could kill a quarter of the population of London and make the city uninhabitable."

Regarding the decision of what to do with plutonium when British production builds up a large stockpile, Prof. Mott said he was sure the military would urge the manufacture of bombs rather than peacetime developments.

### Bomb Argument

He said the bomb argument was this:

1. Britain could threaten retaliation against any power that might use them against her.
2. They would strengthen the hand of the Foreign Secretary in international affairs.
3. If Britain did not have them, she would have to renounce her position as a great power.
4. The bombs would be effective weapons against any attempt at a seaborne invasion involving the use of harbours.

Prof. Mott then unfolded the argument against the bomb:

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"The only countries against whom we could either use or threaten the use of atomic bombs in the foreseeable future are the USSR or possibly a resurgent Germany... now it is entirely unrealistic to suppose we can even consider atomic warfare with Russia with any chance of success without full American support; even on the doubtful assumption that we would have a greater supply of bombs, we are infinitely more vulnerable. The Russians could do us more harm with ten bombs than we could do them with a hundred. 'But if we have an alliance

with America, it is obviously preferable for military reasons that bomb production should be concentrated in their less vulnerable continent, just as it was in the war which has just ended. This is almost certain to be the view of the Americans themselves."

### Fateful Decision

Prof. Mott suggested as another solution that Britain, when her project for atomic energy ceased to be secret, could carry on her peacetime research in collaboration with the countries of Western Europe and "indeed, any country that was willing to work in the open."

"We could let it be known that we were making no stockpile of bombs with which to attack anyone and we could give the Russians and everyone else the opportunity to come and see that this was so."

"The citizens of this country may well have to decide which of these policies is the right one; whether the moral lead which the peaceful and open development of atomic energy would give outweighs the confession of military weakness which it entails. Such a matter cannot be decided on scientific grounds alone."

Prof. Mott's essay was distributed today to all atomic scientists and will serve as a basis for discussion at their Oxford conference on Sept. 20.—United Press.

## Advance In British Issues

London, Sept. 17. A promising start was made to the new account but the trading volume was again disappointing. Yesterday's decline in British funds was followed by a sharp all-round improvement amounting to three-quarters of a point for Consols and Treasury 2½% issues.

The rise in industrials was accompanied by a little business but iron, steels, textiles and some miscellaneous leaders benefited.

An advance in copper share prices featured the mining sections, while after a quiet day South African gold shares met with modest support in the late afternoon.

Oils were good throughout, especially Anglo-Iranians, which left off 7/6d higher. Little movement was recorded in foreign bonds apart from German potash issues which, however, closed under the best.

Foreign rails were quiet while elsewhere profit-taking was again encountered in Anglo-Argentine tram debenture stocks after an early rally.—Reuter.

### FIRST ZIONIST'S REMAINS

Vienna, Sept. 17. The Austrian Government, complying with a request from the World Jewish Congress, has agreed to transfer to Palestine the remains of Theodor Herzl, founder of Zionism, who is buried in Vienna.

Dr. Herzl, who lived from 1860 to 1904, wrote the pamphlet "Der Judenstaat" in 1896, in which he advocated the establishment of an autonomous Jewish State in Palestine.—Reuter.

## DEVALUATION RUMOURS DENIED

London, Sept. 17. Mr. D. C. Abbott, Canadian Minister of Finance, who has been attending the second annual meeting of the International Bank and International Monetary Fund here tonight, described as "absolutely without foundation" reports that Canada had decided to de-value the Canadian dollar and to pay a premium on gold production.

"This is an old rumour which is resurrected every few weeks," he added.

Today's version of the report reached London from New York, where it was stated that the rumour was circulating in Wall Street.—Reuter.

## "Dev" To Have Talks In London

London, Sept. 17. The Prime Minister of Eire, Mr. Eamon de Valera, and his Finance Minister, Mr. Sean Lemass, will arrive in London on Friday for trade talks with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and other ministers.

The talks were described by official quarters as likely to be of a purely trade character but the question of the convertibility of sterling and the vital aspect of the dollar crisis, which affects both countries, may also be discussed.

Mr. de Valera has not visited London in an official capacity since before the war. His projected visit at a time when many Commonwealth representatives are in London for the meeting which ended today of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, may provide an opportunity for useful exchanges of view on Commonwealth topics of mutual interest to Eire and her sister nations in the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

## Vicious Circle In Production

London, Sept. 18. Lord Layton, chairman of the News-Chronicle, in an article about Europe's food shortage today, praised American farmers for having done a wonderful job which "saved Western Europe from disaster."

The article, entitled "This is the Plight of Europe today," stressed the size of the European deficit in broad cereals by pointing out: "Even if the U.S. were to send to Europe every bushel she grows it would be barely sufficient to fill the gap."

Lord Layton said pre-war Europe's wheat of Russia grew more bread cereals than any other continent and filled 80 per cent of her requirements.

"This year Europe will grow only half her pre-war consumption," Lord Layton wrote. "It is, moreover, particularly disturbing that production is materially worse than a year ago with unfavourable weather reducing Europe's harvest by 6,000,000 metric tons."

The article continued: "During and since the war American farmers have done a wonderful job. The wheat crop of the United States, for example, will this year be some 38,000,000 tons compared with an average of 21,000,000 tons in 1934-35. It is the barest truth to say that the increase in America's agricultural production in recent years saved Western Europe from disaster."

"Europe's farmers cannot fill the widening gap between production and requirements until industry can provide tractors and fertilizers and replace war wastage of implements and farm equipment."

Lord Layton concluded: "Until

## War Should Be Denied Japan

Wellington, Sept. 17. Japan should be deprived of her "springboards of aggression," a report on the British Commonwealth Conference on the Japanese peace treaty presented to the New Zealand Parliament said today.

New Zealand's chief interest in the Japanese peace settlement was security, the report said.

The record of Japanese atrocities on servicemen and civilians made it imperative that the country's chief aim should be to support the most rigorous security control in Japan.

Setting out the broad lines which the New Zealand delegation should follow in international peace discussions, the report said that while this outline would guide the New Zealand delegation, it could not be considered final because the views of the other Pacific belligerents, especially the United States, had not been definitely stated.

The report said that New Zealand had no substantial investments in Japan to be safeguarded.

New Zealand had no desire to extract large reparation payments, did not wish to cripple Japan's economy needlessly, and did not wish to go out of her way to injure Japanese susceptibilities.

### Means And Will

Two of the chief problems involved in ensuring that Japan had no chance of renewing aggression were to remove her physical means of aggression and the will to carry out aggression.

It was evident, the report said, that it would be best to concentrate primarily on making physical disarmament successful and the first and most decisive measure would be to deprive her of her outlying territories—"the springboards of aggression."

New Zealand's policy was to press for intimate relationships between the security measures proposed in the treaty and those necessary for general world peace, the report declared.—Reuter.

## Marshall Warning To Kremlin

Paris, Sept. 17. The speech at the United Nations General Assembly today by Mr. George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State, is regarded here as the strongest warning that the United States had so far given Russia that the United States is not prepared to allow what she regards as her vital interests to be infringed with impunity.

The open request to Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria to cease helping the Greek guerrilla bands in Greece is seen as particularly significant in this connection.

An official expression of the French Government's view point was not available tonight as the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, is himself in New York.

The Communist press today accused Mr. Marshall of "organizing the United Nations Organization" of attacking the Soviet Union, and of preparing the ground for settling the German problem without consulting Russia.—Reuter.

### FIRST DEFENCE SECRETARY

Washington, Sept. 18. James V. Forrestal today became the United States' first Secretary of Defence—a civilian boss of the Army, Navy and Air Forces.

The senior member of President Truman's Cabinet relinquished his duties as Secretary of the Navy at noon and took the oath of his new office from Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice.—Associated Press.

### REVOLT SEQUEL

Havana, Sept. 18. The Army Press Bureau announced that five policemen have been charged with homicide as the result of a two-hour gun battle on Monday in which five persons were killed and 14 wounded.—Associated Press.



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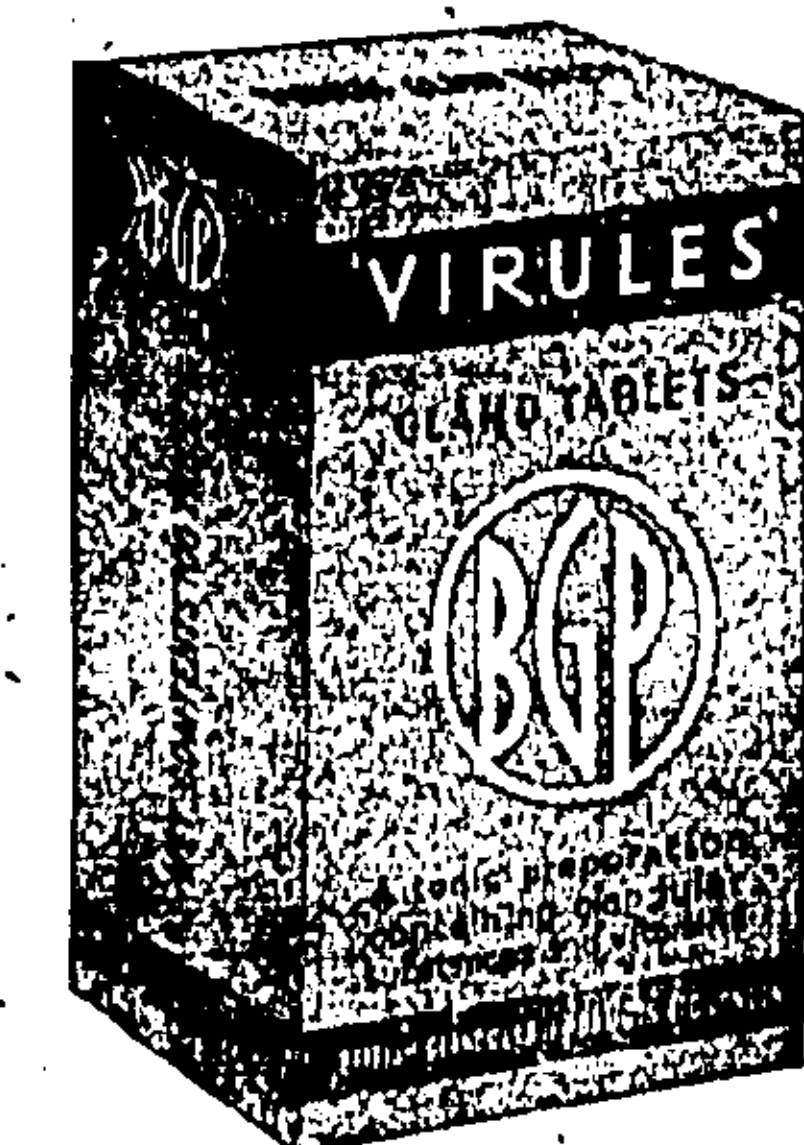
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The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental selections of European and Chinese music by the following artists:— Caroline Bragan (piano), Celia Hodgman (soprano), Julia Lee (soprano), Gaston d'Aguilar (tenor), C.S.M. L. Arbuckle (clarinet), Dr. Au Wai Man (Chinese flute), Cheung Chung and Lam Wan (Chinese violins), the Rainbow Mixed Chorus, and Betty Brown (accompanist).

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# REVOLUTION IN NAVAL ORDNANCE IS FORECAST

## Rockets As Weapons Of Battleships

London, Sept. 17.

The main armament of the battleship in the near future may be guided missiles as a counter to atom bombers, says the latest edition of Jane's Fighting Ships, the principal British book of references on naval vessels, published today. Jane's says that during the past 12 months, publicity has been given to a number of novel weapons, none which has yet made its debut at sea.

Still, it adds, there is no doubt that the temporary suspension of work on the United States ships Kentucky and Hawaii may be ascribed to the intention to incorporate rockets in their armament.

"In a year or two, therefore, the rocket will have graduated as the main weapon of the capital ship, amounting to nothing less than a revolution in naval ordnance," it adds. "Moreover, from official utterances, it would seem that the United States Navy looks to guided missiles of exceptional accuracy and range to counter attacks by aircraft carrying bombs."

"The atomically-propelled warship would have no immediate refuelling problems, and the period for which it could stay at sea would be limited only by other and generally less urgent problems, a vital factor if the ship proved less vulnerable than the harbour."

## Red Navy

Jane's says that there is plenty of support for belief in the aircraft carrier as the capital ship of the future.

Regarding the post-war dispersal of ex-enemy fleets, the publication says that distribution of the Italian Navy is likely to raise a difficult problem and become a somewhat vexed question.

"It seems probable that some of the smaller Allied powers, notably Greece, may come in for a share of the spoil."

"Distribution has also to be made of nearly 250 destroyers and smaller craft of the Japanese fleet, a matter in which China is known to be closely interested," Jane's adds.

Information concerning the Russian fleet continues to be scanty, Jane's said. A large number of destroyers, submarines, frigates, minesweepers and smaller craft loaned to the Soviet Union are due to be returned to the British and United States Navies during 1947.

## Jap. Leviathans

On the other hand, a large proportion of the Finnish fleet is reported to have been annexed, and the Russian share of the German naval prizes was a substantial one.

For the first time, details are published of the two Japanese battleships Mutsu and Yamato and Hyogo Ise, the biggest battleships with the biggest guns ever known, which were sunk by the United States forces during the war.

The full load displacement of the Mutsu was believed to have been at least 60,000 tons. The main armament, according to the evidence of various Japanese officers, was nine 18-inch guns.

Anti-aircraft armament was reported as 12 five-inch, 16 47-millimetre guns; two aircraft and two catapults were provided for in the original design.

Neither had aircraft on board when in action off Cape Engano in October, 1944, Jane's states.—Reuter.

## WHOPPING CATCH

Moscow, Sept. 17.

Soviet whale hunters in the Pacific have completed their most successful season to date with a catch of 380 whales, Soviet press announced. The former record for one season was slightly more than 200 in 1942.—United Press.

## NO TELEVISION OF ROYAL WEDDING

London, Sept. 17.

The wedding ceremony of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey on Nov. 20 will not be televised, sources a Court correspondent.

Nor will any newsreel film be taken of the procession within the Abbey, or the Service itself.

These decisions have been taken by the King. They do not, of course, mean that there will be no television or newsreel of the processions to the Abbey and the service outside.

A total of about 2,000 guests will be invited to the Abbey.—Reuter.

## Red Anger At Bases In Turkey

London, Sept. 17.

The Russian News Times, as broadcast by Moscow Radio yesterday, charged the United States was converting Turkey "at a feverish rate into a base for military adventures in the Near East."

"The dollar loans are to the last cent being spent for armaments," the editorial added. "At the same time the American loans have opened the floodgates for penetration of American dumping goods into the country and this torrent is strangling Turkey's young and weak industry."

The Russian publication charged that promises of American aid to Europe were "becoming more and more useless with every day and American terms more and more harsh and ruthless."

Asserting that the Truman Doctrine was merely an anti-Communist device on the "same line of the notorious anti-Communist pact," the New Times observed: "The sad economic plight of Great Britain, whose ill-starred leaders entangle her deeper and deeper in Wall Street's net, has by no means been an inspiring event to other countries."—United Press.

## GETTING NOWHERE FAST

Vienna, Sept. 17.

Members of the Austrian Treaty Commission, in the absence of the chief delegates, today spent their time in drawing up a list of things upon which they could not agree.

The British spokesman commented: "It looks as though the Commission were resigned to spending the remainder of its time giving a neat expression to differences which have existed throughout the conference."—Reuter.

## WAR CRIMINALS IN MACASSAR

Macassar, Sept. 17.

Of the 41 war criminals tried at Macassar 21 were sentenced to death, 12 of which have already been carried out. Other punishments ranged from one year to life imprisonment. There are still 80 cases to be tried.—United Press.

## Mr. Attlee Thinking Up Some Changes

London, Sept. 17.

Whitehall sources with access to 10 Downing Street predicted today that large-scale re-organization of the Cabinet was imminent.

They indicated that the purpose would be two-fold: To centralize authority needed for direction of the new "export or die" programme.

Eliminate minor Ministers whose political errors or inefficiency have proved a handicap to the Government.

To accomplish the first purpose, they said, delegation of wider authority to Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, was expected. There was speculation concerning the reshuffle of the Cabinet portfolio.—United Press.

## Mysterious Wave Of Fires Throughout France

Paris, Sept. 17.

Local authorities all over France were today considering an appeal to the Government to investigate the wave of fires spreading throughout the land, destroying crops and forests.

Five new outbreaks yesterday brought the total to forty in less than a month. Farmers believe they are the work of people infuriated by reports that farmers feed wheat to pigs while the Government puts maize into bread.

Most of the fires have been in Northern France, where the Lille area had 38 in two weeks. At Senart, south of Paris, about 273 hectares of forest were destroyed, while at Le Mans about 600 hectares of forest land were destroyed.

Near Nancy, crops estimated in value at 10,000,000 francs were burned when the farming village of Arrancy sur Cuges was half destroyed by fire.

## One Arrest

Stocks of coal and wood valued at several million francs were destroyed by fire at Beauvais, in Northern France, while a forest fire at Rouen was still burning today, although firemen were hopeful of getting it under control with the aid of water from an adjacent marsh.

The police at Lille have arrested a man named Fernand Faillat and charged him with setting fire to a farm in Frency, where 40,000 sacks of wheat were destroyed.

Recently, an incendiary in a little village near Amiens had to be rescued by the police when he was attacked by irate peasants after he had set fire to a barn.—Reuter.

## TEARING UP THE TRACKS

Berlin, Sept. 18.

The Russians have dismantled for reparations more than 4,375 miles of railroad track in Eastern Germany, the German Central Ministry for Transport was quoted by the French licensed newspaper Kurier as saying.

The report said only three of the main railroad lines in the Russian zone of Germany remained double tracked.—Associated Press.

## Something New In Destroyers

London, Sept. 17.

The new destroyer H.M.S. Scorpion, at present undergoing trials, is to be commissioned on Sept. 24, the Admiralty announce today.

New developments in warship construction are embodied in the vessel, which was built and engineered by Messrs. J.S. White and Co. of Cowes, Isle of Wight. Scorpion is armed with four 4-inch guns, six smaller guns and two revolving torpedo tubes. Her complement will be approximately 200 officers and men.

The previous destroyer to bear this name was handed over to the Royal Netherlands Navy shortly after the war.—Reuter.

## SIAM IN STERLING GROUP

Bangkok, Sept. 18.

Siam has joined the "convertible sterling group" as a result of negotiations between Siam's Foreign and Finance Ministries and British Ambassador Lord Thompson.

Embassy sources said that the decision makes Siam's considerable holdings, including more than 40,000,000 from rice exports in the last year, usable in 21 Sterling countries. These include the British Commonwealth and Russia.—Associated Press.

Famagusta, Sept. 17. A batch of 198 illegal immigrants left Cyprus for Palestine today as part of the August "quota" permitted to enter the country.—Reuter.

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- (3) have poor appetite, digestion or elimination.
- (4) underweight, or overweight.
- (5) inflamed gums or mouth.

See a doctor if you have any of these signs!

What are these vital foods? Above, you see the health-building foods you should have every day... good things to eat, every one! Keep it in mind as you plan your meals. Cut it out and keep it where your family sees it constantly. Remember, too, that no one food can do everything. You need food from each of these six groups to help you feel more alive, more youthful. Ask your doctor about the right diet for you, so that you will feel, look your best!

The improvement may be very fast—depending on how inadequate your diet was. Start, this very week, on a sound, well-balanced diet. If you stick to it, the chances are you'll feel and look noticeably better—and will never go back to your old youth-stealing eating habits again. But remember, if you still feel tired, nervous, lack resistance, you need a thorough physical check-up by your doctor. He may say you need more vitamins and minerals!



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## PUBLIC RELATIONS IN HONG KONG

The memorandum of the Institute of Journalists on the manners and habits of the newest of official functionaries, the Public Relations Officer, makes points in criticism of the system as it has developed in London which tend to be equally applicable in Hong Kong. The P.R.O., says the Institute, is beginning to serve the natural aspiration of public bodies to have their virtues and accomplishments publicized and their weaknesses and failures concealed. It adds that the practice of issuing official news in hand-out form threatens to establish a condition approximating censorship. And it rightly insists that working journalists find difficulty in ensuring accuracy in the presentation of news through the operation of monopolistic tendencies in the control of official sources of information. If that represents anything like the truth about the tone that is set in Britain, circumstances in Hong Kong increase the danger of development along the same disturbing lines, and, in fact, experience has demonstrated that grounds for complaint are already very strong. In Britain, the problems are simplified in that each Department is allotted its own public relations officer, frequently has more than one, and it is to be expected that he is reasonably well informed about all important matters passing under the control of his department and, more often than not, is competent to act directly as a spokesman. The Hong Kong Government's P.R.O. is deprived of that merit and advantage. He is the guardian representative of all Government departments, without being connected intimately with any one of them. The powers of censorship, insofar as they are exercised, reside not in the public relations officer, but in the head of each individual department. Likewise with denial of access and the avoidance of awkward questions. On occasion, it has taken press representatives weeks to get an answer to questions which could and should have been answered in as many minutes. These causes of complaint do not, of course, operate equally throughout the Service. There are heads of departments who are at all times cooperative, who accept the right of the taxpayer to be allowed to know what is going on and readily provide all the information that is required. On the other hand, there is a type of official apparently afflicted with that interesting disease, pressphobia, who approves of the existence of a Public Relations Officer only because he serves as a defence barrier, as an individual behind whom he can hide in refusing information. It is, perhaps, not inappropriate that these facts should be made public, known, and the growing apprehensiveness of the Press revealed. When a new official is about to take over the post of Public Relations Officer in Hong Kong, Wing-Commander Marsack comes to this Colony with a good deal of experience behind him in a similar capacity: he may anticipate confidently cordial relations with the Press in Hong Kong. No harm is, however, done by a hint at the outset that there are serious causes of disquiet in the existing structure. Not that the fundamental trouble lies at the door of the P.R.O. either here or in London: but that he can be the most powerful influence in breaking it down.

# Peiping Today Is A Shadow Of Its Former Self

## By Margaret Bradbury

Peiping—one time shop-window of China, and haunt of many thousands of tourists from all parts of the world each year—is today unmistakably an anti-foreign city. Particularly, Peiping's native resident population, increased in number by Chinese soldiers, is anti-American.

It is not necessary to read the slogans "Get Out U.S. Troops" and "Down With G.I.s" which are boldly chalked on the walls of Peiping to become aware of the intense nationalistic feeling and dislike of the foreigner prevalent among the people. In many ways sections of the Chinese in Peiping (who are themselves ruled with a rod of iron by their own police and military authorities) show

the foreigners they are no longer welcome. This attitude applies largely to the Chinese military and police. All over the city these officials are to be seen carrying out acts which plainly belie the old fashioned English belief that a Government employee is also a public servant. With a supreme indifference to the personal rights of the individual, they stop, interrogate and snarl at any European or American whether on foot or in a vehicle on Peiping's roads.

## Soldier's Wrath

While on a short trip out to the famous Summer Palace recently the car in which I travelled was held up and forced to remain at the side of the road at the pleasure of a

Chinese youth in army uniform who allowed his final passage only after half an hour of argument and interrogation. The soldier's wrath had sprung from the fact that the driver of the car did not climb out and stand when he was stopped, and neither did the passenger. On the other hand, a "get the hell out of China" attitude, similar to that existing in Shanghai is slowly but surely fostering among the 5½ thousand Europeans who now make up the 2½ million population of Peiping. How many times during my stay there did I listen to the varying reasons which prevent the departure of people who wish to quit that city.

Rules, regulations and an overpowering atmosphere of corruption and intrigue faces the ordinary foreign citizen who lives there now. Taxes play a large part in the weekly or monthly budgets of the Peiping citizen. There is a 20 per cent tax on food sold in all restaurants plus a percentage on each 1,000 dollars that makes up the entire income. There is a 1½ per cent monthly tax for electric street lighting, apart from the interior home lighting payment. A charge for street cleaning is also levied according to each individual's income. Then there are various contributions which must be made to the authorities, such as the Defence of Peiping, the Education of Students, the Erection of anti-invasion posters, the Press gang which gathers in unwilling conscripts for the Chinese army, and the contribution to the Police Force.

## No Pictures

Photographs are no longer allowed to be taken of many of Peiping's ancient treasures. Before, this practice was encouraged, but now only money can induce the numerous guards in the historic buildings to turn blind eye while the enthusiastic European cameraman snaps Chinese Buddhas worshipped hundreds of years ago, ancestral seats and so on of the various ruling dynasties.

Perhaps one of the first things which would appear changed to a pre-war visitor to Peiping is the lack of maintenance apparent in the one time well cared for legation quarter. The grassy area which years ago presented a quiet well tended appearance is now in a depressingly unkempt condition. This situation tends to be somewhat surprising when one remembers that China's background is based on culture and spacious grounds and terraced gardens were always a well cared for feature of its cities.

Prewar residents in Peiping assert that stocks in the local shops are now very low compared to before the war. This of course is due to the strict import and export regulations imposed by the Chinese Government.

Silverwork, brassware, silk and embroidery work however, is plentiful although prices are higher than in Hong Kong. There are no ready made European clothes to be had in Peiping and good material is hard to get there. For instance, a man's suit costs 250 U.S. dollars. If the material is provided by the tailoring shop, shoes are on sale of local make but none is imported. Price for men's shoes averages five U.S. dollars per pair and the quality of leather used is not very good.

## Guerilla War

Although fighting between National and Communist forces exists only 30 to 40 miles outside the city and guerrilla warfare is carried on near to the city walls, Peiping's population affects complete indifference to the situation. Far more is read about China's civil war and heard over the radio in Hong Kong than is ever seen or heard in Peiping.

Social life in the city is limited to small cocktail parties held in private homes and the entertainment provided by the only one remaining European hotel, the Wagons Lits. This hotel seems to put up a courageous but losing battle against the ever-changing mood of the Peiping authorities in the matter of providing catering and amusement for its customers. Permits for dances must first be obtained after negotiation with the police and these are limited to one each week. A few days before my arrival in Peiping and during the stay of Hong Kong school headmistress Miss Margaret Gemmell, who recounted the following: a dance which had been authorized by the police and which was to be held at the hotel was cancelled at the last moment.

## London Letter

## Thou Shalt Not As A Theme Song

Away back in our school days we were taught that "nature abhors a vacuum." It was just one of those things which our tutors insisted on telling us, but did not explain.

In any case, few of us were sufficiently interested even to ask what was meant by a vacuum. We remained in ignorance and left it at that. We did not even consult a dictionary until in later years we took to doing crosswords and we then discovered that a vacuum is "space empty or devoid of matter." Today, after living through several years of rationing, and after reading in the newspapers the Government's design for living, we realise that each of us is an example of what is meant by a vacuum. We are indeed, or at least it appears that very soon we shall be "space empty or devoid of all matter."

We learn from Government that after gorging gluttonously for several years on meat to the value of no less than fourteen pence a week we must adapt our already atrophied interiors to a weekly carnal intake of merely twelve pence. Fortunately, however there appears to be nothing so far to prevent even the poorest of us from making up for the loss of meat with caviare or quails-in-aspic.

## What To Do

Lurking for months behind an iron curtain of secrecy, the Government has at last been forced, not only by the insistence of the public at large but by many of its own supporters, to come out into the

open and tell us what is the actual financial and economic position of the community; and not only that but just what it means to do—which is to say what it wants us, the people, to do.

After listening to a physically large Chancellor of the Exchequer telling us quite recently that after, so to speak, sitting in his countinghouse counting out his money, he had a "song in his heart," and only a few weeks later talking with a fellow in his voice like "Tiny Tim" and beseeching God to "Bless us, every one," we now know the worst (sotto voce—do we?).

There is still no positive plan; no specific instruction as to what the country ought to do. Perhaps in the very nature of things there cannot be, but at least we—the vast uninformed multitude of us—know now the negative side, what we shall not be allowed to do; what we shall have to do without.

Thus: (among a score of things present and to come): We shall not be allowed more than the present ration of two ounces of tea per week, and even that may be reduced before long. If so, what the poet called "the cup that cheers but not inebriates" will be too weak to do either.

We shall not be allowed to dodge the rationing of food by staying at hotels for four nights and so avoid giving up ration books. In future two rights will be the limit without surrender of the book. Many of the people who could afford to do so made a practice of so doing, whereby they eased domestic catering difficulties.

We shall not be able to get so much food at restaurants.

## No Joy Rides

We shall not be able to go joy riding. There will be no longer a basic allowance of petrol to a car owner. Only what is necessary for "essential purposes" will be issued, supervision of issue will be very strict and pleasure runs will be off. Every motorist, even on his lawful occasions, will be liable to police hold-up and questioning. This petrol restriction will have widespread effects. Many cars will have to be laid up. Only the anti-motorist crank (and there are many of him) will remain unmoved but Mrs. Brown, next door, whose husband cannot afford a car, will be positively delighted! And there will be a hundred more serious and as yet incalculable consequences.

Yet another "Thou shalt not." No longer will it be "the thing" to go to the Continent—say to France, Belgium, Switzerland—for holidays and then come back and tell the neighbours tales of fat-off lands. Of how much more nice and easier life is over there, of how, in Paris, or Brussels or Lucerne the stores are packed with goods unobtainable in this unfortunate, idle, "The drinks old man! Any time of the day and half the night: no restrictions whatever!"

"Nylons my dear! You just ought to see them!"

Alas, the Government is to stop all that. After October 1 there will be a complete ban on foreign travel for pleasure, unless in the sterling area. For all practical purposes that covers only Eire, and the Channel Islands, for ordinary folk on short vacations.

So we must stay and spend our cash in our own country for our money is good in United Kingdom.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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## DON'T FIGHT THE CARDS

When you knowingly place the final contract in a less logical declaration than the soundest one, solely because you think you can play a hand better than your partner, you are in effect fighting the cards. Which is something that simply doesn't pay. This is particularly applicable to those situations in which one member of a pair elects to strive for a No Trump game in preference to a major suit bid by his partner, especially if he knows the side has eight cards of the suit.

S. A. K. J. 10 6  
H. A. J. 8 7  
D. A. 7  
C. A. 3

S. 8 4  
H. K. 10 6  
D. 5 3  
C. A. J. 9 6

N. 5 4  
W. 3 2  
S. 10 6

S. 9 3 2  
H. K. J. 8 2  
D. K. 10 8 5

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)  
North 1 S Pass 2 D Pass 3 S Pass 4 NT Pass  
South 1 S Pass 2 D Pass 3 S Pass 4 NT Pass  
In that bidding North gave South a perfect picture of his hand. His spade ruff made it clear he had five of that suit and only four hearts. South's correct next bid would have been 4 Spades. In that contract nothing could have been lost except two tricks in clubs and one in trumps, as all other losers in North's hand could have been thrown on the diamonds.

But another factor was considered by South—he knew he was a better player of the cards than North. In addition, he liked the idea of a club lead coming up to

his K. He did not consider how valuable his heart singleton might be, as a place where one or two of his little trumps might be used, or the usefulness of his strong diamonds to bring discards. With all these possibilities pointing to the simple playability of the suit contract, he did not think it as safe as the No Trump with a better player at the helm.

He was sorry later, as he struggled vainly for the No Trump game. The heart 5 lead brought the 7 and Q. East shifted to his club Q. South ducked, then covered the 7 with the 8 and the 9 won. West, refusing to help, returned his spade 8 to the A. Followed then five diamond tricks. South hoping West would be squeezed or would discard badly. But he held two aces in hearts and clubs. South then scored the made K, failing to drop the Q. West trashing club, then the heart A. West then got the last two tricks with the heart K and club A.

Can you figure out the throw-in South could have worked for the contract, if good enough?

## Tomorrow's Problem

S. 8 6 3  
H. K. 5 7 3  
D. 10 9 8  
C. 10 9

S. A. 10 7  
H. 8 4  
D. 10 9 7 5  
C. A. 8 5 3

N. 5 4  
W. 3 2  
S. 10 6

S. K. Q. 9 5 2  
H. A. 8 5 2  
D. A. 8  
C. Q. 6

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)  
What response would you favor by North to South's 1-Spade on this duplicate deal?

the police, complete with permit, was suddenly stopped and broken up by gendarmes who arrived in the hotel lounge and refused to accept the permission given by their own higher authorities.

## Tourist Trade Dead

Tourist trade in Peiping compared to pre-war days is practically nil. "Before the war, the all-the-year-round" influx of visitors to the city was made up of between 75 to 80 per cent Americans. Poor communications by rail and sea between Peiping and other parts of China is the main reason for the city's isolation from sightseeing travellers.

The most popular form of transport in Peiping is the rickshaw, bicycle or pedicab. These vehicles are to be seen in abundance in all parts of the city. Peiping's tramcars are in a very dilapidated condition compared to Hong Kong, and there are no double decked trams. Also there are now only half the pre-war number of cars on the streets and most of them are very old. The sleek, shiny limousines which are seen in the streets of Hong Kong are not to be found in Peiping although I was told that American cars are arriving there slowly.

Electrically lit parts of the city including private homes suffer from a nightly blackout which varies from one hour to four. This is believed to be due to the shortage of spare parts for the equipment used—but nobody in Peiping whom I asked seemed to have any clear idea of all the shenanigans.

## No State For Karens

Rangoon, Sept. 17. The Karens, a racial minority from Central Burma, will live in the areas forming a "separate unit within the Union of Burma" when independence is gained, but there will be no Karenistan, a separate state, says Sam Po Thin, Karen leader and Burmese Education Minister, said today.

Sam Po Thin, who had just returned from a tour of the Karen areas, said that a Karen Affairs Council would be set up to govern the areas.

An agreement to this effect had already been concluded between the Burma Government and leading Karen organizations, and this solution to the problem was satisfactory to the Karen people, most of whom had wholeheartedly decided to throw in their lot with the Burmese people. "He described as 'fantastic' the movement for a separate Karen State, led by a former Executive Councillor, Saw Ba U Gyi, adding: 'It is not only unreasonable, but absolutely impracticable.'"

Budapest, Sept. 17. The new Hungarian Parliament adjourned indefinitely today after electing Parliamentary committees. The final decisions on the distribution of portfolios in the Cabinet will be made after an inter-party conference tomorrow.





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# INCREASED PRODUCTION GOVERNMENT'S DEMAND

## Raising Of Output By 10 Per Cent

London, Sept. 17. The Government is to make forthright demands for increased production from the average worker, backed by the report of planning experts that output could be raised by 10 per cent without changing the present working day.

This increase—vital in Britain's drive for increased output to avert an economic catastrophe—could be attained in a wide range of industries, with a greater effort, maximum efficiency in equipment and closer cooperation between industry and employees.

The joint Production Councils, representative of both sides in industry, will be encouraged to speed productivity. The economic information and education services, designed to bring home to the country its plight, will be used more extensively.

The Manchester address of Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, pointed to the kind of problem the Government, industry and labour must solve.

It was said that in one factory, rearrangement of labour and machinery proved that increased production of 67 per cent could be achieved with the existing labour force. But as part of the rearrangement, the number of men in special occupation had to be reduced from 10 to five.

### "Like A Wartime Bombing"

Bridlington, Sept. 17. Eight German prisoners of war and two British sergeant escorts were killed early today when a lorry in which they were travelling hit the level crossing gates at Burton Agnes station near here just as a non-stop express train from Hull to Bridlington was passing.

An army spokesman at the Northern Command said that "for some reason the driver was unable to stop and the lorry crashed through the gate just as the express was passing through."

"The injured began to shout for help. With the groans of those dying it was like a wartime bombing incident," he added.

The son of the station-master said: "It was a terrible sight. There were injured and dead lying about the permanent way for 70 yards. Some of them were badly injured but were not unconscious. I saw one German with both legs taken off."—Reuter.

## Wedemeyer Maintains Silence

Fairfield, Calif., Sept. 17.

Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer landed at Fairfield Army Air Base here at 12:27 p.m. PST today, completing an "easy" 12-hour flight from Honolulu aboard an Air Transport Command C-54 plane.

Gen. Wedemeyer declined to comment on the report he had prepared. He said, patting his brief case, "Sorry. Everything is in here and I will make my report in Washington."

Shortly after landing, Gen. Wedemeyer took off in a light plane for Crissy Field at San Francisco, where he is to be the guest at luncheon of General Mark Clark, commander of the Sixth Army.

Gen. Wedemeyer is to leave for Washington at 7 p.m. PST. In Washington, the State Department estimated the plane would reach the capital at 11:30 a.m. EDT Thursday.—United Press.

## Grain Exports To Europe Cut Sharply

Chicago, Sept. 18.

The government today cut sharply its grain and flour exports to shortage areas abroad while consumer resistance to soaring living costs spread to more cities at home.

The Agriculture Department set November export allocations at 788,800 long tons or 29,500,000 bushels of wheat, flour, in wheat equivalent and grain sorghums. This is 39 percent below October allocations and 43 percent under the July-October monthly average.

The Department also authorized the November export of 10,876,000 pounds of meat in the last quarter of this year. Officials said the meat export allotment was about one-fourth of one percent of the expected 6,780,000,000 pounds, expected to be produced in that period. The allocation was about the same as for the last quarter.—Associated Press.

### Up Against

"The fact that five men became redundant—although there was an acute overall shortage of labour in the industry—led to the turning down of the whole scheme by the operatives so that the nation is in its crisis," Sir Stafford Cripps said.

"We are absolutely up against it, and we have just got to find the way out—and quickly."

The drive for better use of present working hours is apart from other discussions designed to secure longer hours and split shifts in many industries.—Reuter.

## Chinese Chairman Of Monetary Fund

London, Sept. 17. The International Bank and Monetary Fund should lay emphasis on reconstructing the war-damaged countries of Europe, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer and retiring Chairman, said at today's final session of the twin Bretton Woods institutions.

"Other countries, I am sure, will find in due course that the two institutions are also designed to help them," he said.

Ahmed Zaki Bey Saad of Egypt, one of the 350 delegates from 45 countries at the meeting, stressed the urgency of development in Egypt and the Middle East, where, he said, it was vital that the standard of living of the masses should be raised.

"If, in spite of universal recognition of the need for development loans to under-developed areas, nothing is done in the near future, there is a danger that the hopes which our countries have placed in the Bank and in the Fund will be seriously frustrated," he said.

After the session, Mr. John J. McCloy, President of the Bank, and Mr. Camille Gutt, Managing Director of the Monetary Fund, left for a tour of various European capitals to contact governments and monetary authorities.

They proposed to include Czechoslovakia, Poland and even non-members such as Sweden and Switzerland in the tour, but not Russia as it was "too far," Mr. McCloy told a press conference.

### Chinese Chairman

Mr. Dalton announced that the Bank and Fund would hold next year's meeting in Washington, after which the annual meeting would probably be held alternatively in Washington and in a European capital.

## GANDHI'S DOCTOR IN LONDON

London, Sept. 17.

Mahatma Gandhi's doctor during his visit to London for the Indian Round Table Conference 14 years ago, Dr. C. L. Katial, has been appointed factory surgeon for the City of London—the first Indian to hold this post.

Dr. Katial, a former Mayor of the London borough of Finsbury, was also the first Indian to become an alderman and councillor in the London County Council.—Reuter.

## DRIFTING STEAMER TOWED IN

Falmouth, Sept. 17.

After being adrift for three days in the Atlantic, the 7,000-ton Pan-American steamer, Mary G., was towed into harbour today by the British tug Marlene.

Gale warnings were in force when the Mary G., 170 miles off Land's End, lost her propeller. The Marlene dashed to the rescue from Southampton and the Dutch tug Scheide steamed out from the Bay of Biscay. The Marlene won the race by half an hour.

The skipper of the steamer told a reporter at Falmouth that his ship was completely helpless when the propeller was lost.—Reuter.

## Two Halves Of Same Apple

Washington, Sept. 18.

New demands arose on Capitol Hill today for the Administration to weigh its foreign aid programme against soaring prices at home.

But even as many lawmakers were voicing doubt that a special session of Congress should be convened to consider emergency help abroad, the State Department heard its third urgent plea from Italy that the fate of that country hangs on additional American assistance before this year ends.

Senator Lodge, Republican of Massachusetts, recently returned from a six weeks tour of Europe, summed up what appeared to be growing sentiment among Congress members that prices at home and demands for help abroad are "two halves of the same apple."—Associated Press.

## Death Demanded For Nazi "Brains"

Nuernberg, Sept. 17.

The United States prosecution today demanded the death penalty for 18 of Himmler's chief SS concentration camp administrators, on trial before the war crimes court here charged with responsibility for the death and torture of 10,000,000 opponents of the Nazi Reich.

The demand for the death sentence came as the prosecution wound up its six months' case against SS Lieutenant General Oswald Pohl and his assistants who controlled the Nazi organization which administered the concentration camps.

"Pohl and his office chiefs were the brains of the concentration camp organization, and made it successful from the Nazi standpoint," Mr. C.E.A. Robbins, the United States prosecutor said.

"Under their direction, every conceivable crime was committed." Mr. Robbins said the men supervised the collection of gold teeth and valuables from the inmates whom they had murdered. "They were only performing their duty," was retorted by Mr. Robbins when he retorted that they were not forced to display energy and administrative skill to become the top leaders in Pohl's organization, which operated more than 400 notorious camps and execution sites.—Reuter.

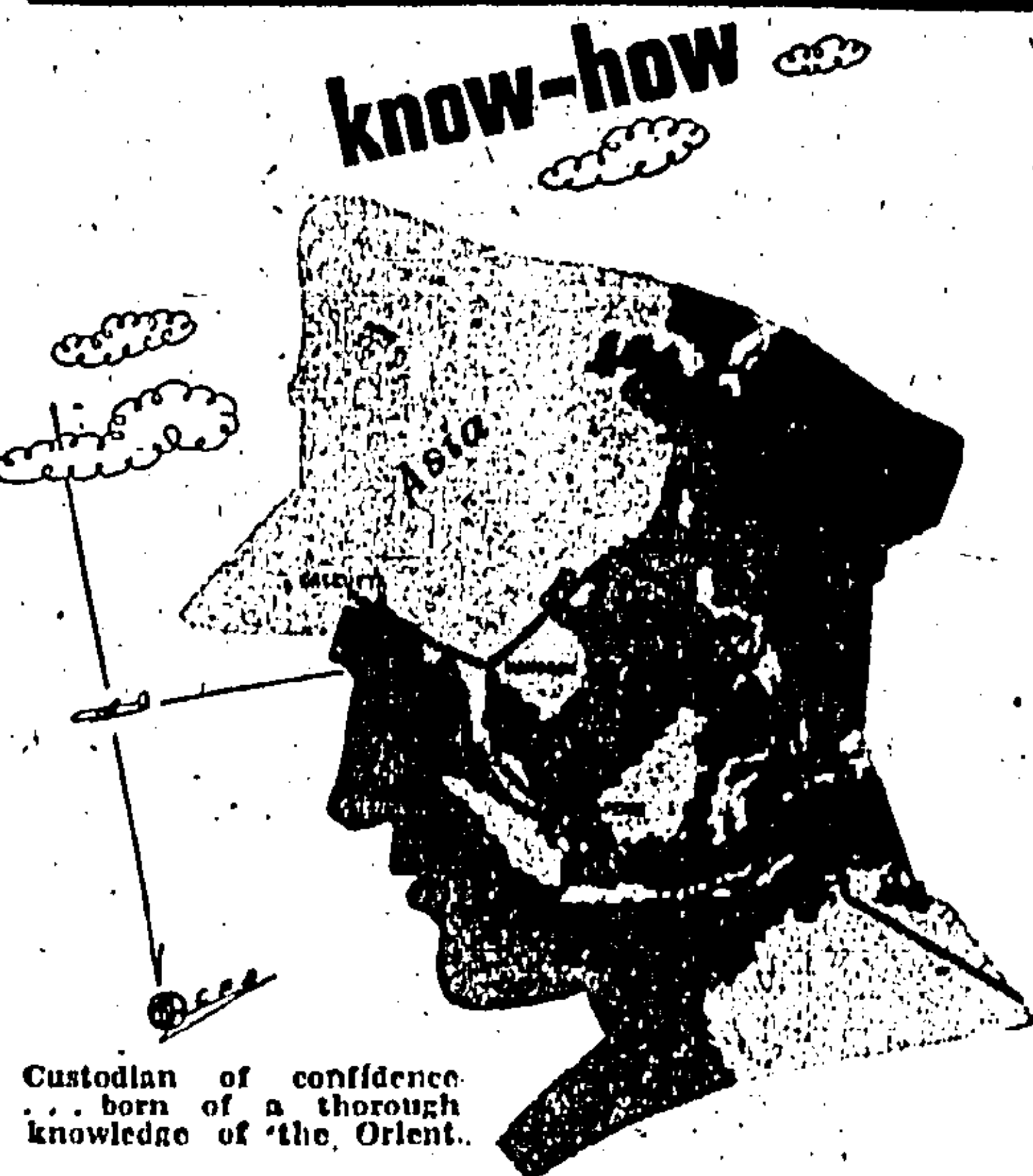
## U.S. Knows Nothing About It

Washington, Sept. 18.

Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett said today that the United States has received no indication that China might boycott a conference on drafting the Japanese peace treaty if Russia fails to take part.

Lovett, answering a news conference question, said he could not say yet whether an 11-nation Japanese peace conference might be called while the United Nations General Assembly is meeting in New York. A reporter remarked that Chinese officials have been reported as saying that they will have to consider carefully whether to attend a conference if Russia remains absent. Lovett said the Department has received no indications of a Chinese boycott. Russia has said she wants the Big Four—the United States, Britain, China and herself—to draw up at least a preliminary draft of a peace plan. The United States favours participation by all the nations which fought Japan.—Associated Press.

Lisbon, Sept. 18. A government decree prohibited the import of used, or re-built, typewriters because, the decree said, plenty of new machines could now be had.—United Press.



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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	26th Sept.	m.v. "HALLAND"
via Los Angeles	late Oct.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

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Atlantic Coast	8th Oct.	m.v. "BENARES"
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# **EMPIRE CUSTOMS UNION NOW OFFICIAL POLICY**

## **Discussions With Dominions**

London, Sept. 17.  
A British Commonwealth and Empire customs union has now been accepted as part of the British Government's trade policy, it was authoritatively learned in London tonight.

Dominion financial experts now in the capital examining with British Treasury officials the general dollar situation have had the scope of their conversations broadened by the inclusion of the subject of a Commonwealth customs union.

These officials will examine though it was premature to say anything yet about the possible formation by Dominion countries of a customs union, the subject would come up for discussion within the next eight or ten days.

In November  
"We have met and had talks with Treasury officials," he said, "but these have centred mainly on dollar expenditure so far."

When the Dominion Prime Ministers come to London in November they will then be in a position to decide whether, in the light of reports from their experts, the establishment of a customs union will be in the interest not only of their own countries but of the Commonwealth as a whole.

As things stand at the moment, the proposals for a customs union will be on the agenda of the meeting of Prime Ministers in London.

**Not Easy**  
The suggestion of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, for a Commonwealth customs union might have many advantages, but its accomplishment is fraught with difficulties, declared Sir Stafford Cripps, the President of the Board of Trade, in Edinburgh tonight.

Explaining Scotland's part in his "third more for export" plan, he said the Government was not at present in a position to set up a customs union with the rest of the Commonwealth and Empire, which might, in itself, prove to be a step in the direction of a closer customs union.

An Empire customs union was not easy, because of the differences of industrial development in the various Commonwealth countries.

**Realists**  
Declaring that good progress had been made with a world trade charter to be presented to the International Trade Conference in Havana this autumn, Sir Stafford said that the conception of a "truly multilateral trade" was not possible because of the inconvertibility of currencies.

"It is important to set policies for the future in the right direction to free world trade," he continued, "but we must be realistic in accepting the inevitable consequences of the present facts."

Sir Stafford Cripps said that he hoped the American friends will not press us to go further in the elimination or reduction of preferences than the facts and psychology make possible for us at this time.—Reuter.

**ARGENTINE GOLD**  
Buenos Aires, Sept. 17.  
Sovereign, buyers 60.00, Sovereign, sellers 60.00, U.S. \$20 Eagle, buyers 120.00, U.S. \$20 Eagle, sellers 120.00, Gold, Bar, prr gramma, buyers 6.00, Gold, Bar, prr gramma, sellers 6.20.—Reuter.

**A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE**



**Clues Across**  
3. Wonder. 18. Coal Worker. 8. Mode. 19. Utter Joke. 9. Realm. 22. Liberator. 11. Solid. 24. Abated. 12. Pare. 25. Unruffled. 13. Teacher. 26. Unnecessary.

**Clues Down**  
1. Cible. 2. Condition. 3. Small. 4. Object of. 5. Blister. 6. Hane wound. 7. Unmarried. 10. Fruit. 14. Weary. 15. Withdraws. 16. Grel. 17. Mutter. 20. Attempt. 21. Pale. 23. Glycol. 28. Power.

**Yesterday's Crossword**  
ACROSS—3 Recorder, 7 Parac, 8 Parcel, 10 Enamel, 13 Smiley, 15 Sale, 17 Templed, 18 Scotch, 20 Team, 21 Disrupt, 22 Debris, 23 Outlier, 25 Orlan, 26 Sura.  
DOWN—1 Spies, 2 Cream, 3 Royal, 4 Once, 5 Delect, 6 Beller, 8 Head, 11 Nice, 13 Minus, 14 Sinks, 15 Spoke, 16 Learn, 18 Bitter, 19 Bitter, 20 Bitter, 21 Bitter, 22 Bitter, 23 Bitter, 24 Bitter, 25 Bitter, 26 Bitter.

## **Open Market Rates In Shanghai**

Shanghai Sept. 18.  
T.T. on New York, per U.S. \$1 42,000 b, 43,000 i.  
T.T. on London, per £1 110,000 b, 122,000 i.  
Forward rates, which are limited to three months, differ per month, by not more than five per cent.

The appointed banks are allowed a margin of 500 points either way in the case of the American dollar from the Central Bank's rate and a margin of 2,000 points in the case of Sterling.—Reuter.

## **LONDON SILVER & GOLD**

London, Sept. 17.  
Silver, Spot, Fine, ounce 42½ d.  
Silver, Forward fine, ounce 42d.  
Bar, Gold, per fine, ounce 172/3.  
U.S. Gold, per fine, ounce \$35.  
U.S. (New York Free Market) \$42½ N.—Reuter.

## **ALEXANDRIA BULLION**

Alexandria, Sept. 17.  
Gold, per "dirhem" 163 piastres, Egyptian pound 470 piastres, Sovereign 510 piastres, Turkish Lira 300 piastres, Dollar (piece de cinq) 470 piastres, Silver (piastres) per Kilogram 840.—Reuter.

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## RIGHTS OF APPEAL ON INCOME TAX DUES: REVIEW BOARD SET UP

Announcing that assessment work may start within a month, Commissioner of Inland Revenue Mr. Pudney yesterday issued a statement explaining what right of appeal tax payers have against assessments made on them. Mr. Pudney also disclosed that 20 unofficial members of the community have been selected to serve on Boards of Review to which a dissatisfied tax payer appeal. A Board would consist of four members — a lawyer, an accountant and two businessmen.

Of the estimated \$30,000,000 expected from taxpayers, \$2,250,000 will come from between 20,000 and 30,000 property owners, said the Commissioner. He also estimated that 5,000 individuals would be liable to Salaries and Annuities Tax, and about 20,000 firms to Profits Tax.

The statement issued by the Commissioner yesterday, read in part: "Any person aggrieved by an assessment made on him has the right of appeal, in the first instance, to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue himself. This right, like the right of appeal generally, applies to any of the four taxes imposed by the Inland Revenue Ordinance. There are no restrictions as to the grounds of appeal, which may be made on a question of fact or of law."

### On Fact

"Appeals on a question of fact may, for example, be grounded on a contention that the assessment was made under the wrong Chapter or that all values granted by law had not been given effect to; that the income charged should have been exempted under the various exemption provisions; that various deductions allowed by law have not been allowed in the assessment; or that the assessment has been based on accounts for a period not permitted by the law."

"Appeals on a question of fact may be grounded upon, for instance, a contention that the true income was different from that shown by the Assessor; that certain payments disallowed were, in fact, wholly and exclusively incurred in the production of the profits; that certain expenditure which the Assessor had treated as capital expenditure was, in fact, revenue expenditure; that accounts rejected by the Assessor as inadequate or unsatisfactory were, in fact, correct; that depreciation should have been allowed at a higher rate than that actually granted; or that a child in respect of whom the Assessor had rejected a claim for an allowance, was in fact a child of the taxpayer within the meaning of Section 43(2)(c)."

"If any person wishes to appeal he should notify the Commissioner in writing within one month from the date of the Notice of Assessments. He should state the grounds for his objection. If he fails to state these grounds, his notice is not valid; i.e., it does not constitute a Notice of Appeal. Taxpayers will have the opportunity of appearing either in person or by an authorised representative before the Commissioner who will hear the case of the Appellant and the Assessor and either confirm, amend or refer back the assessment. Normally, his decision

will be given at the close of the hearing, but if, during the course of the hearing any new evidence is brought forward which was not in the original assessment or Notice of Appeal, the Commissioner may defer his findings or adjourn the case to a later date.

"If a taxpayer is dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner on appeal, a further right is given of appeal to the Board of Review. This Board has been selected from a panel of 20 unofficial members of the community for their knowledge of taxation, law and business matters generally. Any person wishing to appeal to the Board of Review should declare orally his dissatisfaction with the decision of the Commissioner immediately after the Commissioner's decision, and a statement of the grounds of appeal therefrom."

### Bound

"In such a case, the Commissioner is bound to transmit in writing to the Appellant or his authorised representative, his decision and the reasons therefor, whereupon the Appellant may give notice of appeal to the Board of Review. Such notice should be given in writing to the Clerk to the Board of Review, and must be accompanied by a copy of the Commissioner's written determination and a statement of the grounds of appeal therefrom."

"All such appeals are heard in camera and taxpayers need have no fears that their private affairs may be made public in the event of appeal. The onus of proving that the assessment is excessive is on the Appellant. "Any person who wishes to appeal to the Supreme Court should, within one month of the decision of the Board of Review, make application in writing to the Board to state a case for the opinion of the Supreme Court. Such an application must be accompanied by a fee of \$50. On receipt of an application, the Board of Review is bound to state a case setting forth its decision and its reasons therefor. This case stated, will be supplied to the Appellant who, if he wishes to pursue the appeal must transmit it to the Supreme Court within fourteen days after receiving it."

### Judge's Power

Any Judge of the Supreme Court has the power to hear and determine any question of law arising on the stated case and may, in accordance with the decision of the Court, confirm, reduce, increase or cancel the assessment or may return the case to the Board of Review with the opinion of the Court thereon. In the latter instance, the Board is bound to

revise the assessment as the opinion of the Court may require.

"The Staff of the Inland Revenue Department have been instructed to give taxpayers who wish to appeal against their assessments every possible assistance and advice regarding the procedure to be adopted, whether on appeal to the Commissioner, the Board of Review or the Supreme Court."

"I again ask the public to quote the file numbers in this Department and to endorse it on any enclosures such as accounts which they may submit. "Although the Department may call for 'certified accounts', it is not necessary that the accounts should be certified by an Independent Auditor, although in many cases it may be desirable. It is being suggested to merchants by a number of interested persons, that accounts must be certified by Independent Auditors before being acceptable to this Department and that unless they are so certified they will be rejected."

### Small Firms

"This is not so, especially in the case of small businesses, to whom the burden of accountants' charges might be heavy. If, of course, a firm has an outside Auditor, then his certification would carry more weight with this Department than that of the taxpayer himself."

"The Demand Notes for Property Tax in respect of the New Territories urban areas Tai Po, Tin Long and Tsan Wan have now been issued. These demand notes are payable at her 620 and are payable at the Land Office in Tai Po, Ping Shan and at the Head Office of the District Officer New Territories, Kowloon Magistracy, respectively."

"Persons, whether individuals, partnerships, or companies, who are liable to Profits Tax and who have not already received a Return Form should now apply for a form to the Inland Revenue Department. Under section 52 (2) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947, persons chargeable with tax who have not received a Return Form within three months after the commencement of the financial year, are required to notify the Commissioner that they are so chargeable."

"Individuals liable to Salaries and Annuities Tax need not yet apply since individual Return Forms under this tax have not yet all been sent out."

### Forms

"All persons employing individuals who may be liable to Salaries and Annuities Tax, if they have not already received a form requiring them to return the income of these employees, are requested to notify the Commissioner immediately."

"Those persons who have received return forms but have not yet completed and submitted them to this Department should submit them by the due date even though they may have incurred losses, or their profits are insufficient to make them liable to tax. If the due date is already passed they should submit their return immediately, or if further time is required, apply for an extension."

"Under the powers granted by Section 89 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947, H.E. the Governor in Council has granted exemption from the payment of tax to schools in receipt of a grant-in-aid or subsidy from the Education Department. In order to qualify for such exemption a school must have received either a grant-in-aid or subsidy in respect of the whole of the basic period for the year of assessment, i.e., normally, the whole of the year prior to the year of assessment, this being the year on the results of which tax is charged. Schools not in receipt of a grant-in-aid or subsidy, and schools run for private profit are, of course, liable to tax in the same way as any other business."

## VISIT TO PRAGUE

London, Sept. 17. M. Francis Hala, Czechoslovak Postmaster-General and acting chairman of the Christian Democratic Party, left here by air today for Prague after a short visit, during which he met the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, other leading statesmen and members of the Catholic clergy. —Reuter.

## Louis Gets In Shape



On December 5 at Madison Square Garden Joe Louis will defend his world heavyweight title against Jersey Joe Walcott. Here, as a training precaution against face cuts, Louis gets a coating of vaseline from Trainer Mammie Seamon.

## CRICKET AVERAGES

London, Sept. 18. The dominating influence of the Middlesex pair, Denis Compton and Bill Edrich, on the 1947 cricket season is clearly shown by their figures, which place them first and second in the first class batting averages.

Scoring 3,816 runs and making 18 centuries, Compton set new figures for the highest aggregate in a season, beating Tom Hayward's 3,518 in 1936, and for the most hundreds, surpassing Jack Hobbs' 16 in 1925. Edrich also passed Hayward's total, and the pair provided the first instance of two batsmen from one county exceeding 3,000 in the same season. Compton's average of 90.85 has been bettered, instances being Don Bradman's 115.66 when the Australians were in England in 1938, and Herbert Sutcliffe's 90.96 in 1931. Another remarkable achievement was that of Tom Goddard, 40-year-old Gloucestershire off-spin bowler, who took 238 wickets for 17.30 cents, despite the prevailing hard wickets. First, in 1946, was R. Howarth, of Worcestershire, the other two being the Essex cousins, Ray and Peter Smith. The first 12 in the averages were:

BATTING (QUALIFICATION EIGHT INNINGS)				
	Inns.	Not out	Runs	Highest Average
Denis Compton (Middlesex)	50	8	3,816	90.85
W. J. Edrich (Middlesex)	52	8	3,539	80.43
E. Lester (Yorkshire)	11	2	667	75.00
C. Washbrook (Lancs.)	47	8	2,662	61.05
Leslie Ames (Kent)	42	7	2,272	54.31
Joe Hardstaff (Notts)	44	7	2,200	52.11
Len Hutton (Yorkshire)	44	4	2,585	57.00
W. P. Fraser (Lancs.)	47	7	2,501	56.60
M. P. Donnelly (Oxford)	30	0	1,488	50.00
M. M. Walcott (Somerset)	13	2	671	60.68
J. D. Robertson (Middlesex)	57	4	2,700	52.01
J. R. Thompson (Warwick)	8	0	378	47.25

BOWLING (QUALIFICATION TEN WICKETS)				
	W.	Runs	Av.	W. Average
J. C. Clay (Glamorgan)	495.3	120	1,069	16.44
T. Goddard (Glos.)	461.2	244	4,110	28.8
J. A. Young (Middlesex)	1,201.1	410	2,705	17.38
R. B. W. Bower (York)	700	275	1,277	17.40
R. Howarth (Worcester)	1,254	375	2,020	16.85
C. Lamer (Surrey)	675.5	135	1,420	17.07
G. H. Pope (Derby)	780.1	180	2,090	11.8
C. J. Barnett (Glos.)	350	102	937	10.74
L. B. Muncer (Glamorgan)	802.2	203	2,018	10.85
R. Aspinall (York)	225	37	609	10.22
J. Bedford (Middlesex)	168.5	35	484	19.38

## Dramatic Reprieve For Mutineers

Singapore, Sept. 18. A long-distance call yesterday from Mr. J. A. Thivy, India's representative in Malaya, to Lieut-General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commanding Far East Land Forces, caused the military authorities here to postpone the hanging of five Indian mutineers, which was to have been carried out at Outram Road gaol at 7 o'clock (local time) this morning.

This explanation by an Indian soldier stationed on Christmas Island at the time of the mutiny, were convicted by a general court-martial after a ten-week trial which ended on March 13 last. It was stated that they murdered their Commanding Officer and four non-commissioned officers in their beds shortly before the Japanese landed on the island in 1942. —Reuter.

The five men, now being held in Outram Road gaol, are members of the Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery. A sixth man, a runner named Niaz Ali, has already been released as the King's witness, confirmation of the finding and sentence in his case. The condemned men are: Nek Ghulam, Quader, Niaz, Nazir Hussain, Gunner, Sher Mohamed, Gunner, and Ahmed Hussain, Gunner. The men, among twenty Indian

## PRESTON JOINS ARSENAL TO LEAD SOCCER TABLE

London, Sept. 17. Unbeaten since the opening day of the season, with six wins and a draw to their credit, Preston North End, 2-1 winners over luckless Stoke City tonight, join Arsenal as leaders of the First Division table. The London club take pride of place on goal average. The supplanting of Queen's Park Rangers by Bournemouth at the Third Division Southern table was another feature of the last big midweek programme in which 24 League matches attracted nearly half a million people.

The Second Division match between Newcastle and Birmingham drew 65,000 people—the highest gate. Sunderland had one of the over 30,000 crowds, who saw Tommy Lawton, England centre forward on the transfer list, take his only chance and win the game for Chelsea by the odd goal of five. While Stoke City lost their sixth game running, Barnsley after defeats, won with a late goal at Fulham, Nottingham Forest, too, turned the corner, the return of Brown, their England international forward, coinciding with their first win after six reverses.

West Palm Beach, Florida, Sept. 18. A great hurricane, with winds of 125 miles an hour, smashed down on Florida's gold coast, scarring the Miami-Palm Beach resort area and spreading havoc half the length of the State.

Teen-age boys were reported to be looting Miami and West Palm Beach stores that had been burst open by winds and high water. Five boats left in Biscayne Bay by storm-sceptical owners were stripped of everything above deck. A house reportedly collapsed on a family at Pompano Beach. The storm struck on a 200-mile stretch of the coast front and rolled on westward across the Florida peninsula on its way into the Gulf of Mexico. Its centre passed inland just south of Fort Lauderdale, midway between here and Miami. At 3:30 p.m. it was 25 miles north of Miami, moving at ten miles an hour toward the West Coast below Fort Myers, where it was expected to hit the Gulf. A message from aboard USS Missouri—says that President Truman today ordered the Federal Works Administration to make surplus Government property available to Florida cities for hurricane relief. —United Press, Associated Press & Reuter.

U.S. Baseball  
New York, Sept. 18. Results of today's baseball fixtures were: American League  
Chicago 0 4 1  
New York 5 7 0  
Winning pitcher Alie Reynolds.  
St. Louis (1st game) 0 12 0  
Boston 4 0 2  
Winning pitcher Bob Muerfeldt.  
St. Louis (2nd game) 0 7 0  
Boston 10 10 1  
Winning pitcher Joe Dobson.  
Detroit (1st game) 4 7 3  
Philadelphia 6 0 3  
Winning pitcher Christopher.  
Detroit (2nd game) 6 7 0  
Philadelphia 8 15 1  
Winning pitcher Phil Marchildon.

National League  
Philadelphia 0 4 1  
Cincinnati 12 14 0  
Winning pitcher J. V. Fonder.  
New York (1st game) 0 10 0  
Chicago 3 5 1  
Winning pitcher Joe Beggs.  
New York (2nd game) 10 13 1  
Chicago 12 10 1  
Winning pitcher Mearns.  
—Associated Press.

Football  
A lengthy programme of seven-a-side football games was going through smoothly at the Hong Kong Football Club ground, when slightly games were decided. The best game of the afternoon was that between Kilt Chee and the Inniskillings; which the former won by the odd goal in three, the winning goal of which was a penalty. —Reuter.

The Boy Scouts Association are holding the Finals of their Annual Swimming Sports in the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon next Saturday, Sept. 20, at 9.00 p.m. The Challenge Shield and Certificate will be presented at the conclusion of the Sports by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

Surprised Navy "E" (Sussex) by winning by three clear goals. The following were the results: Devon 0 R.A.F. 0  
Innskillings 1 Kilt Chee 1  
Sussex 1 Navy 0  
Chick 0 0  
Sussex 0 R.A.F. 0  
South China 0 Chelsea 0

The second half of the Chinese players started as if they were going to overwhelm Bromley, their winners being particularly clever, but all the forwards required far too much time for their final shot. However, after they were faded and Bromley went ahead with goals by Fuller and Hooper.

## Drunken Pilot Caused Air Disaster

New York, Sept. 17. The District Attorney today charged that a drunken pilot was at the controls of the American Airlines DC-3 plane which crashed into Hoboken Bay off LaGuardia Field on Aug. 8, killing 35 men aboard. The District Attorney, Francis Sullivan, immediately started an investigation to establish where the criminal negligence rests. Mr. Sullivan quoted an official autopsy report that the body of the dead pilot, Captain Walter Davidson, 34, of Wantagh, New York, contained a "large amount" of alcohol. Ralph Damon, President of American Airlines, today issued a statement saying, "American Airlines absolutely denies there was any possibility flight officers were not in perfectly normal condition." —United Press.

## Entries For Happy Valley Races

The following entries have been received by the Jockey Club for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, Sept. 27—

1st Race—Point Neplan Stakes. "D" Class, 1 Mile: Betty Lou (145), Burge (153), Emperors Gate (153), Happy Season (150), Kingfisher (150), Lola Sapola (150), Ruby Star (145), Sunny (150).  
2nd Race—6 Furlongs: "C" Class, 6 Furlongs: Al Fresco, Arabian Moon, Argus Blue Peter, Burgomaster, Canary, Cassie, Crown Witness, Eastern Diamond, Esmeralda, Fat Choy, Flying Arrow, Flying Wheel, Golden Wheel, Honeybelle, Kookaburra, Miami Beauty, Midlight Express, Peacock, Peggy, Souvenir Totale.  
3rd & 6th Races—Vaucluse Handicap, "B" Class, 1 Mile: Arcantep Moon, Cooper, Elmer, Fifth Alarm, Happy Valley, Hot Pollo, Hurricane, Jock, King, Lightning, Lucky Strike, Masterpiece, Red Fox, Rose, Emma, Royal Commission, Shanghai Beauty, Spanish Onion, Speed, away, Sunshine, The Wolf, Thunderbolt, V.J. Day, Whirlaway, Withingsham, Woodstock.  
4th Race—Phillip Stakes, "D" Class, 6 Furlongs: Airfield (163), Blackie (153), Jadestone (145), Jim (148), Mastermind (late Jeep Fat) (153), Tunny (153).  
5th Race—Autumn Plate, 6 Furlongs: Airborne, Bashful Beauty, Cooper, Daisy Bell, Jeep Lee, Kim, Shannon, Sookunpolis, Sunlight.

## Sing Tao Beaten By Bromley 3-1

London, Sept. 17. The Sing Tao Sports Club, of Hong Kong, were beaten by Bromley by three goals to one in a soccer match here tonight. At half time the teams were level, each having scored once. Sing Tao opened the scoring after ten minutes play, a free kick just outside the penalty area being taken by their right half, who hit the crossbar with a terrific shot, the ball rebounding into the inside ring, Fung King-cheong, who placed it well clear of the goalkeeper into the net. The Chinese club were playing fast, clever football, their ground work and passing, considering the hard pitch and light ball, being delightful to watch, but after a further 15 minutes' play Bromley drew level through Brown.

Tired Out. In the second half the Chinese players started as if they were going to overwhelm Bromley, their winners being particularly clever, but all the forwards required far too much time for their final shot. However, after they were faded and Bromley went ahead with goals by Fuller and Hooper.

Paris, Sept. 17. Thirteen million francs remain to be distributed among the federations which competed in the world cycling championships here and in Rheims on July and August last. It was announced here today by the International Cyclists Union which has just finished tallying up receipts and deducting taxes. —Reuter.

## Anti-U.S. Feeling Sensed In Orient

New York, Sept. 18. Rising nationalism has resulted in the development of anti-American commercial discrimination throughout the Orient, said Bernard G. Davis, publisher, after a 10-week business survey of Asia.

He summarized his findings in an article in the current issue of "Asia's Not So Open Door." Davis reported that only in Siam does American commerce appear to be sincerely welcomed. He wrote that China's economic are being flayed against the United States businessmen to discourage them, with the immediate objective of preventing loss of foreign exchange for imports, and a long range objective of discouraging all foreign trade doing business in China. He found "blooming" prospects for American business even in the Philippines, where America is presumed to have a "favourable" position. Even in Japan, under the

iron rule of General Douglas MacArthur, Davis said, the American businessmen encounter formidable difficulties. Possibilities for American enterprise for Japan are considered more solid and more promising for the immediate future than any other spot in the Orient, Davis added. —Associated Press.

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